

Speaking in Tongues

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I. Jesus made promises of the coming of the Holy Ghost—Lo! The Holy Ghost came!

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for **the Holy Ghost was not yet given**; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Joh 14:16 And **I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter...**

Act 1:4 ...(*Jesus*) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise** of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.

Act 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Act 2:4 And they were all **filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Act 2:33 ...being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father **the promise** of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye **shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost**.

II. In some way somewhere—With somebody—Jesus' promise continues unto the end

Act 2:39 For **the promise** is unto **you**, and to **your children**, and to **all that are afar off**, *even as many as the Lord our God shall call*.

A. Jesus said that the Father gives the Holy Spirit to those who pray and ask

Luk 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly **Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

B. Paul's command to those in a church after Pentecost is to be fill with the Spirit

Eph 5:18 And be not **drunk with wine**, wherein is excess; but be **filled with the Spirit**;

C. The Bible possibly connects filled with the Spirit with drunkenness or madness

Act 2:13 Others mocking said, **These men are full of new wine.**

1Co 14:23 ...will they not say that **ye are mad?**

2Co 5:13 For **whether we be beside ourselves**, *it is* to God: or whether we be **sober...**

Mar 3:21 And when his friends heard *of it*, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, **He is beside himself.**

Act 26:24 ...Paul, thou art beside thyself; **much learning doth make thee mad.**

III. Speaking with tongues was a Jesus-prophesied, Holy Ghost-given real thing

A. Before ascending, Jesus prophesied that believers would '*speak with new tongues*'

Mar 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; **they shall speak with new tongues;**

Mar 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

B. The Holy Ghost gave the gift of *divers kinds of tongues* to some in the church

1Co 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit...

1Co 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another ***divers kinds of tongues***; to another the **interpretation of tongues**:

1Co 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, **diversities of tongues.**

1Co 12:29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles?

1Co 12:30 Have all the gifts of healing? **do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?**

IV. At times, *other tongues* or *divers tongues* was the '*un-Babel-ing*' of world languages

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began **to speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that **every man heard them speak in his own language.**

Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

Act 2:8 And how **hear we every man in our own tongue**, wherein we were born?

Act 2:11 ...we do **hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God**.

V. At times, speaking with tongues seemed different from '*un-Babel-ing*' languages

Act 10:44 ...**the Holy Ghost fell on all them** which heard the word.

Act 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that **on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost**.

Act 10:46 For they heard them **speak with tongues**, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Act 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, **which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?**

Act 19:4 Then said Paul...that they should believe...on Christ Jesus.

Act 19:5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Act 19:6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, **the Holy Ghost came on them**; and they **spake with tongues, and prophesied**.

1Co 13:1 Though I **speak with the tongues** of men and **of angels**...

1Co 14:2 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue **speaketh not unto men**, but unto God: **for no man understandeth him**; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

VI. 1 Cor 14—How the gift of speaking with tongues is to be used in a worship service

(*Prophecy*: to foretell; teach by inspiration; speak what is only known by divine revelation)

A. The gift of prophesy (preaching) is superior to the gift to speak in unknown tongues

1Co 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but **rather that ye may prophesy**.

1Co 14:2 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue **speaketh not unto men**, but unto God: **for no man understandeth him**; howbeit in the spirit **he speaketh mysteries**.

1Co 14:3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

1Co 14:4 He that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue **edifieth himself**; but he that prophesieth **edifieth the church**.

B. Speaking with tongues is good—But not profitable for building up the church

1Co 14:5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but **rather** that ye prophesied: for greater *is* he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, **except he interpret**, that the church may receive edifying.

C. What is the good of (or the point in) speaking that which cannot be understood?

1Co 14:6 Now, brethren, **if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you**, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

1Co 14:7 And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

1Co 14:8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

1Co 14:9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

D. Unlike Pentecost—Paul here spoke of tongues as babbled—Not ‘*un-Babel-led*’

1Co 14:10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them *is* without signification.

1Co 14:11 Therefore **if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian**, and he that speaketh *shall be* a barbarian unto me.

1Co 14:12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

E. Unlike Pentecost—The one speaking in tongues did not understand what he said

1Co 14:13 Wherefore **let him that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue pray that he may interpret.**

1Co 14:14 For **if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.**

1Co 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

F. Unlike Pentecost—The hearers had no understanding of the unknown tongue

1Co 14:16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, **seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?**

1Co 14:17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

G. Tongues are good—But of no benefit in a worship service—(Understand this)

1Co 14:18 **I thank my God, I speak with tongues** more than ye all:

1Co 14:19 Yet in the church I had **rather** speak five words with my understanding, that *by my voice* I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an *unknown* tongue.

1Co 14:20 Brethren, **be not children in understanding**: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

H. Tongues are a sign to show the non-belief of non-hearers—Preaching is for hearers

1Co 14:21 In the law it is written, With *men of* other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and **yet for all that will they not hear me**, saith the Lord.

1Co 14:22 Wherefore **tongues are for a sign**, not to them that believe, but **to them that believe not**: but **prophesying *serveth*** not for them that believe not, but for **them which believe**.

I. The appearance of insanity of tongues—Contrasted to the benefits of preaching

1Co 14:23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbelievers, **will they not say that ye are mad?**

1Co 14:24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

1Co 14:25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so **falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.**

J. Speaking in tongues is not chaos—Not to be done in church without interpretation

1Co 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. **Let all things be done unto edifying.**

1Co 14:27 If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, **let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.**

1Co 14:28 But **if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.**

K. Neither is prophesying (preaching) to be done in chaos and without order

1Co 14:29 Let the prophets speak **two or three**, and let the other judge.

1Co 14:30 If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, **let the first hold his peace.**

1Co 14:31 For ye may all prophesy **one by one**, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

1Co 14:32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

1Co 14:33 For **God is not the author of confusion**, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

L. Women are not to preach [not to teach men or usurp authority over men (1Tim 2:12)]

1Co 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

1Co 14:35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

M. Paul warned the Corinthian church about overruling these Holy Spirit teachings

1Co 14:36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

1Co 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that **the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.**

1Co 14:38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

1Co 14:39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and **forbid not to speak with tongues.**

1Co 14:40 **Let all things be done decently and in order.**

VII. Let us ask for and not extinguish the Holy Spirit—Yet, test and prove all spirits

Luk 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly **Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

1Th 5:19 **Quench not the Spirit.**

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are of God...

1Th 5:21 **Prove all things;** hold fast that which is good.